



Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

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- **Archaeologist of the Month-** Archaeologist Mark Cantin, Assistant Director of the Archaeology & Quaternary Research Laboratory, a unit of the Department of Earth & Environmental Systems at Indiana State University (ISU), passed away on Jan. 19, 2012. The information below, from the memorial sheet distributed at his Celebration of Life, provides just a glimpse into his many accomplishments in the field of archaeology.

He received his bachelor's degree in Anthropology from ISU in 1985 and became a field assistant in the Anthropology Lab under then director Bob Pace. He received an MA degree in Physical Geography at ISU with a specialization in geoarchaeology in 2000 and was appointed Assistant Director of the Laboratory. He was an expert on prehistoric stone material identification and the Early Archaic Period of prehistory in Indiana. Many archaeologists in the state sought out his opinion about prehistoric stone sources. He also served as the Principal Investigator for contract archaeology projects conducted for federal and state agencies including the Indiana Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with particular emphasis on locating buried archaeological sites. He was also project director on one of the Lab's largest projects on the Ohio River near New Albany Indiana (Caesars Archaeological Project) between 1998-2000, which produced one of the largest collections of prehistoric artifacts from a site in the Midwest. He wrote a manual on the descriptions and archaeological use of Indiana chert types which is under development for publication by the Indiana Geological Survey, and may be online soon. Dr. Stafford and Mark have a chapter included in the most comprehensive edited volume concerning the Archaic period of the Midwest which came out in '09.


Mark, our resident Indiana chert expert, will be truly missed by his many colleagues and friends in the archaeological community in Indiana and many other states.



Mark Cantin, left, with colleagues Dr. Russ Stafford (center) and Jeff Plunkett (DHPA photo).



Mark during investigations at the Caesars Archaeological Project in southern Indiana (photo IDNR/Outdoor Indiana magazine).

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Conducting fieldwork in Indiana on state-owned property - For qualified archaeologists conducting fieldwork in our state, we have a few helpful reminders to pass along. Field investigations, at any level, on state-owned property require an approved plan (per Indiana Code 14-21-1-16) from the DHPA prior to the initiation of fieldwork. In addition, fieldwork conducted under plans under IC 14-21-1 requires a Principal Investigator who meets the state requirements as Principal Investigator. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.

- Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service**- Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will be participating in the Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Services at the T.C. Steele State Historic Site (March 15th) and in Valparaiso (March 22nd). The events are coordinated by Ball State University's Department of History. Ms. Johnson will be discussing archaeological resources and opportunities for the elementary classroom setting.
- Historic Preservation Fund Grant Priorities Available for Public Comment**-Every year the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) revises the priorities by which the federally-funded Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant applications are evaluated. The priorities are established within the parameters of the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and represent the types of projects that the DHPA view as important to its mission to identify, document, investigate, preserve, and interpret cultural resources in Indiana.

The HPF Program Guidelines and the FY2013 evaluation criteria for Administrative (which applies to all categories), Architectural & Historical, Archaeology, and Acquisition & Development are being provided on the DHPA website

(www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) for public review and comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by Friday, April 20, 2012. All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by fax to 317-232-0693, by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 25, 2012.

Please note that the Priorities are only one part of the grant application packets, and the DHPA is not accepting proposals at this time. Complete FY2013 packets for with application instructions will be available on the DHPA website around August 1, 2012.

- **New Information regarding the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures-**
For the first time since its creation in 1981, there is an official application form for listing properties on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register). In the past, we accepted a written request and attached information for designation purposes. It has become increasingly difficult to gauge original intent, boundaries, and a variety of other facts of some older State Register applications as we move toward digitization of these records. The new form is State Form 54587 (12-11).

After April 1, 2012, we will require applications for listing in the State Register only to be prepared on the new form. A National Register nomination will continue to be considered to be a request to place the property on the State Register as well. Therefore, there will be no need to prepare a State Register application if you are preparing a National Register nomination for a given property.

The new form can be accessed at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3669.htm> under “application resources.” The form works much in the same way as the newer National Register form, sections “expand” as you enter information.

State Register applications for State Register-listed only properties are available on the database SHAARD at <https://secure.in.gov/apps/dnr/shaard/welcome.html>.

If you should have questions about the new form, please contact Paul Diebold at pdiebold@dnr.IN.gov.

- **The 2012 Statewide Preservation Conference** - This year’s meeting will take place on April 11-13, 2012 in Whiting and will celebrate preservation and archaeology through three days of Preserving Historic Places: Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference. DHPA archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams will moderate an educational session on shipwrecks and underwater archaeology. To learn more about the conference, and to register, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4463.htm>.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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Mission Statement: *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

